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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *31 March 2008*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-7 and 16-31* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-7 and 16-31* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date *03/17/08*.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's Amendments filed 03/31/08 has been entered and carefully considered. Claims 8-15 has been canceled. However, the arguments regarding rejection under 35.U.S.C 102 to claims (1-7 and 16-31) have not been found to be persuasive. Therefore, these claims are rejected under the same ground of rejection as set forth in the Office Action mailed 08/09/07.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-7 and 16-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ptacek et al. [US. 2005/0005017]. The provisional application 60/484,873 has been considered and the following rejection is fully supported by the provisional application.

As to claims 1, 18 and 25, Ptacek et al. teach a method of analyzing security events, comprising: receiving and processing a stream of security events (page 1, 0011), including grouping the security events into network sessions (figure 1), each session having an identified

source and destination (figure 3, 318, 322); displaying a graph representing devices (figure 1) in a network, the devices including security devices (firewall) and non-security devices (disk array), the displayed graph including a plurality of individual device symbols and a plurality of group device symbols (figure 1, 114-1, 114-2, 114-3…), each individual device symbol representing a security device of the network and each group device symbol representing a group of non-security devices of the network; and displaying in conjunction with the graph security incident information, including with respect to a group device symbol an incident volume indicator (figure 1, 114-1, 114-2, 114-3…) that indicates a number of network sessions whose source or destination is at any member of a group of non-security devices corresponding to the group device symbol (page 3, 0032-0038).

As to claims 2, 19 and 26, Ptacek et al. teach upon user selection of a group device symbol for a group of non-security devices, displaying a second level graph representing the non-security devices in the group and the security devices in association with the group (the second level graph is disclosed at figure 2), the displayed second level graph including a plurality of non-security device symbols (figure 2, database of signatures) and a plurality of security device symbols (figure 2, firewall 1-3) , each non-security device symbol representing one non-security device in the group and each security device symbol representing one security device in the group; and displaying in conjunction with the

second level graph security incident information, including with respect to a non-security device symbol an incident volume indicator (figure 2, firewall 1, firewall 2, firewall 3) that indicates a number of network sessions whose source or destination is at the non-security device (figure 3, 318, 322).

As to claims 3, 20 and 27, Ptacek et al. teach upon user command with respect to a user specified device symbol in the displayed graph, displaying data representing network sessions whose source or destination is at a device corresponding to the user specified device symbol (page 4, 0060, 0061).

As to claims 4, 21 and 28, Ptacek et al. teach in response to one or more user commands, selecting a network session from the displayed data, and defining a drop rule that comprises a set of network conditions corresponding to the selected network session; wherein the processing of security events includes filtering out network sessions that satisfy the defined drop rule (0046-0048).

As to claims 5, 22 and 29, Ptacek et al. teach source and destination identifying information, event type information indicating one or more types of incidents corresponding to the network sessions, and security device information indicating one or more security devices that report security events in association with the network sessions (0010-0011).

As to claims 6, 23 and 30, Ptacek et al. teach the processing of security events including identifying groups of network sessions that together

satisfy a security incident identification rule in a group of predefined security incident identification rules, and identifying as rule firing network sessions each of the network sessions that is a member of any identified group of network sessions; wherein each incident volume indicator indicates a number of rule firing network sessions whose source or destination is at a device corresponding to the device symbol (0046-0068 and 0099).

As to claims 7, 24 and 31, Ptacek et al. teach the processing of security events including excluding from the rule firing network sessions any network session that satisfies any drop rule in a set of drop rules, each drop rule defining a respective set of conditions (0098-0099).

As to claims 16 and 17, Ptacek et al. teach a method of analyzing security events, comprising: receiving and processing security events (page 1, 0011), including grouping the security events into network sessions (figure 1), each session having an identified source and destination (figure 3, 318, 322);

applying a plurality of predefined security event correlation rules to the plurality of network sessions in association with the processed security events (0046-0048); for each of a subset of the predefined security event correlation rules, identifying network sessions from the plurality of network sessions in association with the processed security events, if any, that satisfy the rule (0008-0010);

displaying a graph representing devices (figure 1) in a network, the devices including security devices (firewall) and non-security devices (disk array), the displayed graph including a plurality of individual device symbols and a plurality of group device symbols (figure 1, 114-1, 114-2, 114-3…), each individual device symbol representing a security device of the network and each group device symbol representing a group of non-security devices of the network; and displaying in conjunction with the graph security incident information, including with respect to a group device symbol an incident volume indicator (figure 1, 114-1, 114-2, 114-3…) that indicates a number of network sessions whose source or destination is at any member of a group of non-security devices corresponding to the group device symbol (page 3, 0032-0038).

Response to Arguments

Applicant has argued that Ptacek does not teach or suggest displaying a plurality of group device symbols, each group device symbol representing a group of non-security devices of a network. However, the examiner respectfully disagrees because Ptacek shows plurality of group device symbols (figure 1, SUBNET 1, SUBNET 2, SUBNET 3 and SUBNET 4); each group device symbol represent a group of non-security devices of a network (figure 1, SUBNET 3 comprising a group of non security devices such as Host 15, Disk Array). Applicant's attention is also directed to page 3, 0031, cited the communications network 1 comprises a series of sub-networks (subnet1-subnet4). These subnets

typically include groups of network devices...the subnets include different types of networks devices...

Applicant has also argued that Ptacek does not disclose or teach displaying security incident information in conjunction with displaying a graph of representing devices in network. However, the examiner respectfully disagrees because Ptacek teaches the security incident information by detecting changes in network usage signatures that suggest attack such as self-propagating code at page 3, 0034.

Applicant argued that Ptacek fails to teach incident volume information that indicates a number of network sessions whose source or destination is at any member of a group of non-security devices. However, the network session SUBNET 3 comprises many members of the group of non-security devices such as the source Host 15 and Disk Array.

Further, Ptacek teaches displaying a network security by disclosed at page 3, 0034 plurality of steps of 1) measuring and modeling the services or network communication in legitimate use on the network 1, especially during normal operation of the network, or it lifetime; 2) detecting changes in network usage signatures that suggest attack such as self-propagating network behavior 3) providing access control between different compartments or subnets of the network….

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mylinh Tran. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4141.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo, can be reached at 571-272-4847.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

571-273-8300

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